(vi) Siemens

(vii) Foxconn

(viii) Flextronics

(ix) Elcoteq

Post Offices in Punjab

729. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices functioning in Punjab as on date;

(b) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened during the year in the State;

(c) the reasons for not opening them; and

(d) by when they would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There are 3951 Post Offices functioning in Punjab as on date.

(b) to (d) In consonance with the policy directives of the 10th Five Year Plan, no plan targets for opening of Post Offices have been allotted to Punjab Postal Circle in the year 2005-06. However, justified Post Offices are opened by relocating those post offices which do not comply with the norms prescribed by the Department. Since this is an ongoing process no time limit can be prescribed for opening of new post offices in this manner.

Changes in Cyber Laws

730. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is of the view that the time has come to carry out amendments to the cyber laws to plug the loopholes with regard to illegal transfer of data and data secrecy;